

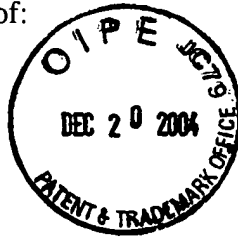
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In re U.S. Patent Application of:  
Alain Marbach, et al.

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NOTIFICATION SYSTEM OF AN  
AUTOMATION NETWORK



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DEAR SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2004. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on September 17, 2004. A petition for a three month extension of time, including the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is being filed together with this Reply, making this Reply due on December 17, 2004. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely filed. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments made to the claims and the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.